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Letter dated 8 March 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

On 3 March the Tanaiste (Deputy Prime Minister) and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland Mr. Dick Spring, TD, received a petition signed by more than 60,000 Irish people calling for an immediate halt to the violence, rape and other abuses of women in Bosnia. The petition was organized by the Irish Council for the Status of Women.

At the presentation of the petition, the Tanaiste said that he strongly endorsed the decision of the Security Council to establish an international war crimes tribunal to prosecute persons responsible for grave violations of international humanitarian law in the former Yugoslavia and looked forward to precise arrangements being worked out for the early establishment and operation of the tribunal.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the forty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights.

(Signed) John Swift
Ambassador